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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AN ARTICLE BY JACK ANDERSON WHICH
APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON POST APRIL 6, 1973:

" MINUTES OF A MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE BILL
ROGERS AND INDUSTRIAL TYCOONS DOING BUSINESS IN CHILE
QUOTE THE SECRETARY AS REPEATEDLY REASSURING THEM ' THAT
THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION WAS A BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
AND ITS MISSION WAS TO PROTECT BUSINESS.'

NEVERTHELESS, HE REFUSED TO RETALIATE AGAINST CHILE FOR
EXPROPRIATING AMERICAN- OWNED BUSINESSES. IT IS CLEAR
FROM THE MINUTES THAT HE DIDN' T WANT TO PUSH PRESIDENT
SALVADOR ALLENDE INTO SOVIET ARMS.

ROGERS INDICATED, ACCORDING TO THE MINUTES, ' THAT HE HAD
TALKED WITH THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS TO WHETHER
OR NOT MOSCOW WAS GOING TO FINANCE CHILE AS IT HAD CUBA.
THE RUSSIAN DENIED ANY SUCH INTENTION. ROGERS WENT ON
TO SHOW GRAVE CONCERN OF RUSSIAN DOMINATION OF LATIN
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AMERICA AND ITS IMPACT.'

THE OCTOBER 22, 1971, MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH, ANACONDA COPPER, FORD MOTOR, BANK OF AMERICA, FIRST NATIONAL CITY AND RALSTON PURINA. THE MINUTES WERE KEPT BY ITT. MOST OF THE ANGRY BUSINESSMEN WANTED THE U. S. GOVERNMENT TO BAIL THEM OUT BY TAKING ACTION AGAINST CHILE. ONLY THE RALSTON PURINA REPRESENTATIVE, WHOM THE ITT MINUTES DESCRIBE AS A 'DOVE,' RECOMMENDED 'WE NOT CUT OFF SHIPMENTS TO CHILE BUT SHOULD USE PRIVATE SOURCES TO IMPRESS ALLENDE AND HIS GOVERNMENT TO STAY IN THE WESTERN BLOC.'

THE MOST ROGERS WOULD DO WAS CONSIDER AN 'INFORMAL EMBARGO' AND RECOMMENDED 'PERIODIC MEETINGS' ON THE PROBLEM. 'THE SECRETARY RAISED THE QUESTION,' THE MINUTES STATE, 'OF WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE AN INFORMAL EMBARGO ON SPARE PARTS AND MATERIALS BEING SHIPPED TO CHILE. THE CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP WAS QUITE MIXED. ROGERS RECOMMENDED THAT THERE BE PERIODIC MEETINGS OF THE GROUP TO ATTEMPT TO SOLIDIFY A POSITION.'

THE ITT EXECUTIVES WENT AWAY DISGRUNTLED OVER ROGERS' ATTITUDE. CONCLUDES THE MINUTES: 'IN SUMMARY, THE ENTIRE MEETING INDICATES THAT THE SECRETARY IS PRETTY MUCH GOING ALONG WITH THE ... SOFTLINE, LOW- PROFILE POLICY FOR LATIN AMERICA." ROGERS

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